GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTAION OF INDIRA-MUJIB AGREEMENT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Berubari areas was dissolved and some villages falling under the jurisidiction of Jalpaiguri district were permanently declared as integral part of India in accordance with Indira-Mujib Agreement of 1974;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether these villages have been depicted on the Map of India;

(d) if not, the reasons therfor; and

(e) the steps taken to get these villages depicted on the Map of India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): As per the Land Boundary Agreement-1974, India will retain the southern half of South Berubari Union No.12 and the adjacent enclaves and in exchange Bangladesh will retain the Dahagram and Angarpota enclaves. India will lease in perpetuity to Bangladesh some areas near Tin Bigha to connect Dahagram with Panbari Mouza of Bangladesh. Thus India retains southern half of South Berubari Union No.12 alongwith adjoining areas of South Berubari. However, within South Berubari there are a few scattered areas adversely possessed by Bangladesh.

(b) to (e) : The area is an integral part of India and has been shown on the maps accordingly except the areas under adverse possession and the undemarcated portion of Daikhata adjoining Berubari.

Survey work for preparation of strip maps in South Berubari area including the territory under adverse possession has been completed. However, these maps have not yet been finalized or exchanged.

Boundary pillars have also not been constructed but their position has been shown on the strip sheets. Survey and construction of boundary pillars in the Dahagram-Angarpota area is complete and eight out of nine strip maps have been completed, printed and exchanged with Bangladesh.